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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

J. Hunt House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

412 Delaware Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Gerhold, Cross & EtzelTelephone #: 823-4470

STREET & NUMBER

412 Delaware Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Towson

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21204**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

New Courts Building

STREET & NUMBER

Liber #: See Attachment

Folio #:

CITY, TOWN

Towson

STATE

Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE <u>Spring, 1978</u>

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The structural elements of this building suggest that it is the same one indicated on the 1877 Atlas as the home of "J. Hunt". The 1898 Bromley Atlas recognizes it as a frame building and labels it as "A. Phipp". It is a two story dwelling, which like others in this neighborhood, exhibits a cross-gable facade to the street with a wing projecting to the rear. The street facade (West) of this house is three bays wide and it probably had a center hall plan that has been altered. The cross-gable is noticeably smaller than that of the parsonage next door or at # 409. The round arch window in the gable, however, is consistent with its immediate neighbor. Also like its neighbors the street facade has a full porch (tongue-and-groove ceiling).

The house rests upon a stone foundation that rises c. 15 inches above the ground (This same space around the porch is latticed). While the west wing has a gable-end roof the two story projection to the east has a shed roof on it that slopes to the East. A single story shed-roofed kitchen extends eastward from it and there is a two story shed-roofed addition on the south side that gives the east elevation an interesting cubistic appearance.

Various size 6/6 windows are found throughout the house. While the various projections are integrated by a continuous covering of asbestor shingles, clapboards were perceived underneath which may or may not match.

Several interesting elements still exist on the inside of the house which has been renovated for commercial use.

There is a stone basement under the front (West) section. It was once reached by both an interior and exterior entrance. The interior entrance was beneath the stairs leading to the second story. Vertically sawn joists with cut nails in the braces were observed from the basement.

The hall and flanking parlors are the most altered areas of the house, however, each parlor has retained its mantelpiece. The one in the north parlor is the most elegant being made of carved marble with an arch-key in the surround. The piece is cut with a round arch opening typical of mid-19th century coal burning fireplaces. The fireplace itself is brick, however, and appears to have been able to burn wood. The mantelpiece in the south parlor is of a completely different type. It is a plain wooden shelf supported by squarish pilasters and it has an inset ogee moulding.

What was the kitchen is certainly an interesting room. It is housed by a single story shed-roofed addition on the east end of the house. It measures

. A single door connects the kitchen to the house and a door in the east wall exits to the yard. There is a window in the north wall. Most interesting of features are the metal trapezoidal vent and trap-door that are side by side in the middle of the ceiling where it meets the inside wall. One of these may relate to the stone that most certainly was in this room, but there is no room above requiring a door.

The upstairs rooms have also been renovated as offices and little original fabric was noticed. An unaltered closet in the hall provided good samples of early wall paper, however, and there is tongue-and-groove wainscot in the addition housing the bathroom

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Stable

The 1898 Bromley map indicates a stable on the northeast corner of the property. The houses on the east side on Delaware Ave. were separated from the Virginia Avenue side of the block by an alley. It bordered the stable. There is an older flat-roof frame building on this site and one of the present owners remembers an older resident talking about a stable there. The present structure served as a printing shop and has been so extensively altered on both the interior and exterior that it is difficult to determine what it is. The flat roof suggests a modern garage more than a 19th century stable although the brick and stone rubble foundation may survive an earlier structure.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES Pre-1877

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Attachment

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

WAYNE L. NIELD, II
HISTORIC TOWSON, INC.

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH for J. HUNT HOUSE

Liber 5450, Folio 659 June 3, 1974 Parcel 373
Grantor: Doris P. Ogden
Grantee: Carl L. Gerhold et. al.

"Beginning...Delaware Ave. 185' northerly from northeast corner of intersection of Delaware Ave. and Chesapeake Ave....East 55'... East 143'6" to center of an alley...West 55'...West 143'6" to place of beginning...known as # 412 Delaware Ave."

Liber GLB 2471, Folio 152 See also EHK.J. 5288/315 (Ashby Ogden died May 17, 1974)

Certificate of Articles of Transfer EHK.J. 5288/315 April 24, 1972
Transferor: The Delaware Avenue Company
Transferee: Ashby Guy Ogden, Jr. et. al.

Liber GLB 2471, Folio 152 April 30, 1954
Grantor: Raymond P. Woodward & wife
Grantee: The Delaware Avenue Company

Liber TBS 1732, Folio 215 February 16, 1949
Grantor: G. William Packer
Grantee: Raymond P. Woodward & wife

Liber 1732, Folio 214 February 16, 1949
Being the same received prior, Feb. 14, 1949, from Harry L. Smith to Raymond P. Woodward.

Liber 1724, Folio 417 February 14, 1949
Grantor: Harry L. Smith, Assignee
Grantee: Raymond P. Woodward.

Public sale, Jan. 6, 1949 Purchase power as assigned by mortgage June 10, 1938 CWB 1033/151 from Ruth C. Woodward, widow, et al to Minerva Hunt.

Liber WPC 326, Folio 41 March 4, 1908
Grantor: George Anderson
Grantee: Samuel Woodward

Liber WPC 320, Folio 104 September 23, 1907
 Grantor: Christopher Hilber & wife
 Grantee: George Anderson

Liber WPC 309, Folio 593 March 9, 1907
 Grantor: Ruth Anna Phipps, widow
 Grantee: Christopher Hilber

Liber JWS 173, Folio 527 May 26, 1890
 Grantor: Franklin Hance, trustee
 Grantee: Harry Phipps

April 5, 1889, complainants Eliza G. Hance et al, Franklin Hance
 was appointed trustee, with authority to sell.

Equity docket 12/39 Case # 6142 Exhibit 150
 JWS 125/247 November 27, 1888
 Bill of complaint and plats exhibits A,B,C, filed app. of Luther M. Reynolds

Judicial records JWS 125/247 November 27, 1888
 Eliza Hance et.al. vs. Franklin Hance, trustee

Samuel Kirk (deceased)...last will July, 1872 (part of exhibit A)
 gave to his daughter Margaret Jane Hunt a lot of ground in Towson that
 he purchased of Thomas Baldwin and wife by deed Nov. 4, 1871 (exhibit B)
 to held by her for her lifetime and after death to go to her husband
 Jesse S. Hunt and after his death to their heirs.
 In the will interest of the deceased's sons Charles and Clarence were
 given to Seth S. Hance in trust they both died leaving issue to com-
 plaintants Florence Kirk, Helen, Samuel, Lana, Mary, Elouise and Thyra.
 Margaretta died in 1882 and Jessie in 1887. When Jesse died it is
 to go to Eliza Hance, Henry Kirk and Helen Kirk, Franklin Hance.

Exhibit A Will of Samuel Kirk of Balto. city...4th to daughter
 Margaret Jane Hunt to her sole and separate use free from husbands
 control all the parcel of land recorde in JK 400/141 with all...
 later the will is altered Nov. 21, 1871 since the will he purchased a
 house in Towson for Margaret Jane Hunt so he revokes the 4th devise...and
 now devised the lot on Delaware Ave. in Towson 55' front by 143 6/12'
 deep conveyed by Thomas Baldwin & wife to Samuel Kirk Nov. 1871.

Exhibit B deed November 4, 1871
 Grantor: Thomas Baldwin & wife
 Grantee: Samuel Kirk

"...east side of Delaware Ave. 185' from northeast corner of
 intersection...East 55'...East 143' to center of alley...West 55'
 ...West 145' to beginning."

Exhibit C Circuit Court Eliza Hance vs. Helen Kirk

Court proceedings, questioning

Franklin Hance - Samuel Kirk is his mother's father.

"Are you acquainted with property mentioned- house where Aunt Margaretta lived and died in Towsontown?"

"Yes - house stands on Delaware Ave. in Towsontown, and is a two story frame house. Stands on a lot about 50' front by about 125' deep, family thinks it is worth about \$ 1,500.

Franklin Hance is allowed to sell the preperity.

Liber EHA 64, Folio 360 December 6, 1879

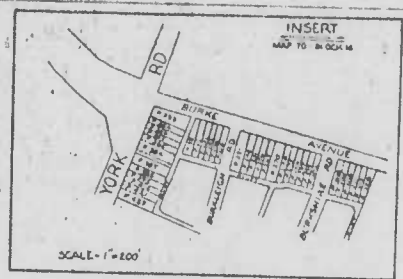
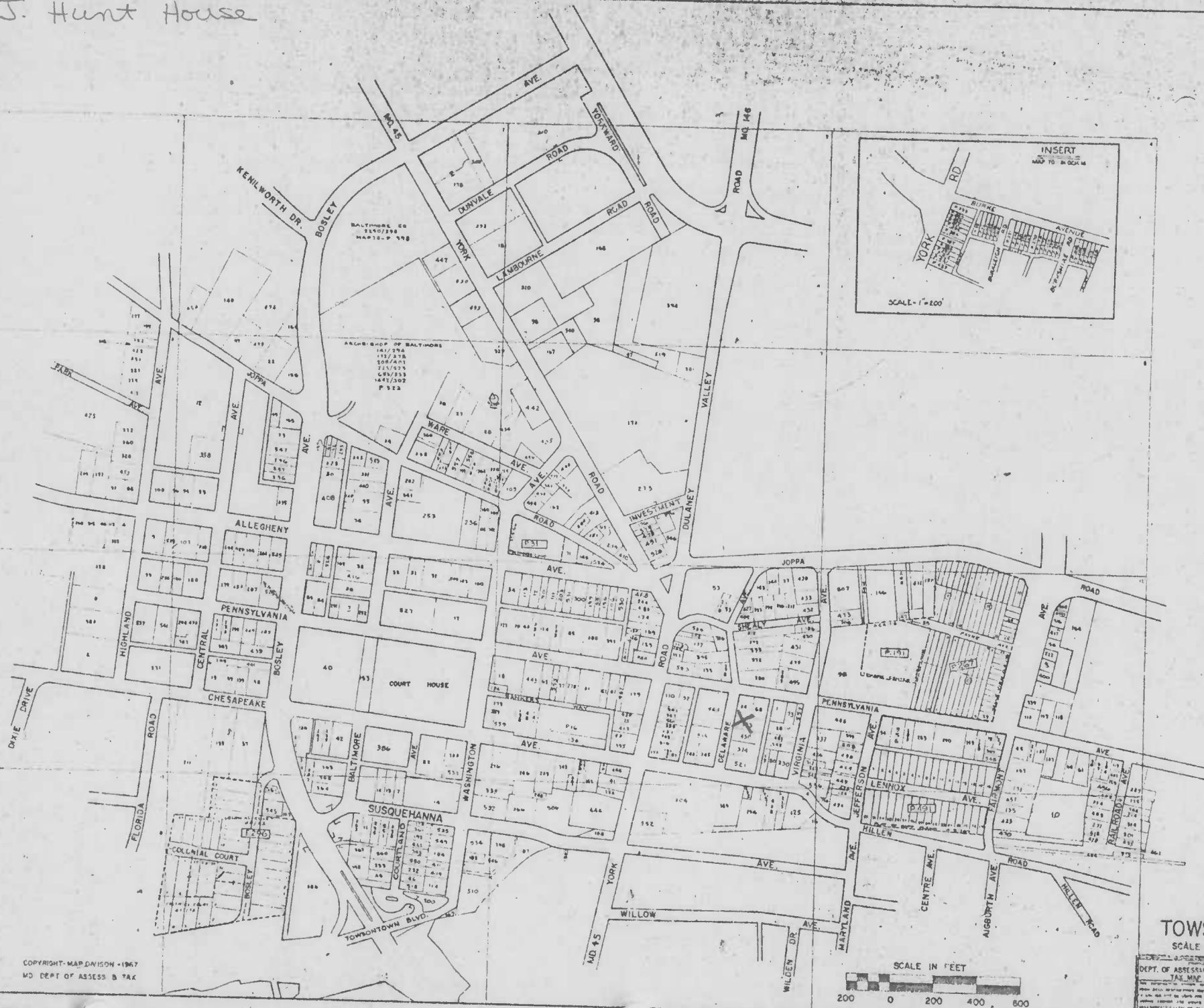
Grantor: John Rutter et.al.

Grantee: Thomas Baldwin

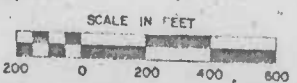
"Beginning...east side of Delaware Ave. 75'...West 165' to north-west corner of Rickenbaugh lot...West 143'6"...beginning."

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J. Hunt House



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TOWSON
SCALE 1" = 200'

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MAP NO
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PLAN OF

TOWSONTOWN.

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Real Estate Agent.

H. L. BOWEN,

Surveyors and Engineers.

WHEELER & MELANE.

Dr. Bosley

BALTIMORE

Smedley

Prop. J.F.C. Talbert

R. R. Boorman

WASHINGTON

C. H. Mann

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HOUSE

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J. T. Faser

Judge

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D. H.

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Mrs. West

Mrs. N. A.

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